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Connecticut's economy recorded a new employment high, record hourly pay rates and weekly wages as well as lower unemployment in October when manufacturing output also improved, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages & Hours: A monthly gain of 5,600 nonfarm jobs boosted overall employment to an all-time high of 1,505,000, up 2.7 percent from 1,465,900 a year ago (page 2). Seasonal gains were recorded in general merchandising, other retail trade and government in nonmanufacturing, while the manufacturing sector added 1,100 jobs for an annual increase of 2.9 percent. Construction was up slightly over the month and 6.1 percent above October 1983. Monthly employment increased in 10 labor market areas and was lower in the remaining six (pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers rose to new record highs of $9.32 per hour and $396.10 weekly (page 3) and the workweek was unchanged at 42.5 hours. Compared with last year, weekly earnings were up 5.7 percent and hourly rates, 4.5 percent. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour workweek basis, earnings were $8.87 hourly and $354.80 weekly, 3.9 percent higher than October 1983. Workers in Bristol received the highest weekly wage, $437.93, followed by New London/Norwich, Hartford, Ansonia, Middletown and New Britain (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment declined by 1,900 to 70,000 or 4.2 percent in October and the seasonally adjusted rate moved from 4.6 to 4.5 percent (page 4). A year ago there were 79,200 unemployed in the state for a 4.9 percent actual rate, seasonally adjusted to 5.4 percent. October's unemployment remained well below the national 7 percent actual and 7.4 percent seasonally adjusted figures. Unemployment decreased in 11 labor markets, remained stable in one and was up in four. An estimated 19,200 persons were filing continued claims for unemployment benefits in mid-October, down from 21,100 the month before. Included in the statewide unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment compensation, others who were ineligible and whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Several economic indicators showed monthly and over-the-year improvement, with personal income of state residents reaching a new monthly high of $4-billion, 344-million, higher manufacturing output and lower initial claims for unemployment benefits and increased new automobile registrations since last year (page 7).

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# CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

October 1984

| | October 1984 | September 1984 | October 1983(R) | % Change Oct.'84 over Sept.'84 | % Change Oct. '84 over Oct. '83 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Nonag. Employment.... | 1,505,000* | 1,499,400 | 1,465,900* | + 0.4 | + 2.7 |
| Manufacturing..... | 416,400* | 415,300 | 404,700* | + 0.3 | + 2.9 |
| Durable..... | 312,000* | 311,100 | 301,300* | + 0.3 | + 3.6 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 7,000 | 7,000 | 6,500 | 0.0 | + 7.7 |
| Primary Metals..... | 16,700* | 16,900 | 16,800 | - 1.2 | - 0.6 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 58,400* | 58,000 | 55,800 | + 0.7 | + 4.7 |
| Machinery exc. Elec..... | 49,800 | 49,300 | 46,900 | + 1.0 | + 6.2 |
| Electrical Equipment.... | 54,400 | 54,000 | 52,100 | + 0.7 | + 4.4 |
| Transportation Equipment | 82,900 | 82,900 | 80,500* | 0.0 | + 3.0 |
| Instruments & Clocks.... | 27,800 | 27,700 | 27,400 | + 0.4 | + 1.5 |
| Other Durable..... | 15,000 | 15,300 | 15,300 | - 2.0 | - 2.0 |
| Nondurable..... | 104,400 | 104,200 | 103,400 | + 0.2 | + 1.0 |
| Food..... | 13,500 | 13,600 | 13,900 | - 0.7 | - 2.9 |
| Textile..... | 6,800 | 6,800 | 7,000 | 0.0 | - 2.9 |
| Apparel..... | 9,900 | 9,800 | 10,000 | + 1.0 | - 1.0 |
| Paper..... | 10,600 | 10,400 | 10,300 | + 1.9 | + 2.9 |
| Printing & Publishing... | 26,500 | 26,300 | 25,700 | + 0.8 | + 3.1 |
| Chemicals..... | 22,200 | 22,200 | 21,900 | 0.0 | + 1.4 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics. | 13,200 | 13,400 | 13,000 | - 1.5 | + 1.5 |
| Other Nondurable..... | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,600 | 0.0 | + 6.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing..... | 1,088,600* | 1,084,100 | 1,061,200 | + 0.4 | + 2.6 |
| Construction & Mining.... | 62,900 | 62,800 | 59,300 | + 0.2 | + 6.1 |
| Transportation..... | 32,700 | 32,600 | 32,100 | + 0.3 | + 1.9 |
| Motor Freight & Warehsg. | 12,700 | 12,500 | 12,600 | + 1.6 | + 0.8 |
| Other Transportation.... | 20,000 | 20,100 | 19,500 | - 0.5 | + 2.6 |
| Communications..... | 20,100 | 20,000 | 18,800 | + 0.5 | + 6.9 |
| Utilities..... | 12,800 | 12,800 | 12,400 | 0.0 | + 3.2 |
| Trade..... | 326,200 | 325,800 | 317,100 | + 0.1 | + 2.9 |
| Wholesale..... | 75,300 | 74,800 | 74,900 | + 0.7 | + 0.5 |
| Retail..... | 250,900 | 251,000 | 242,200 | 0.0** | + 3.6 |
| General Merchandise.... | 35,700 | 34,500 | 33,200 | + 3.5 | + 7.5 |
| Food Stores..... | 46,500 | 46,700 | 43,400 | - 0.4 | + 7.1 |
| Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta... | 26,400 | 26,600 | 25,900 | - 0.8 | + 1.9 |
| Restaurants..... | 73,300 | 75,000 | 71,900 | - 2.3 | + 1.9 |
| Other Retail Trade..... | 69,000 | 68,200 | 67,800 | + 1.2 | + 1.8 |
| Finance, Ins. &..R.E..... | 121,400 | 122,000 | 119,100 | - 0.5 | + 1.9 |
| Banking..... | 27,200 | 27,600 | 27,000 | - 1.4 | + 0.7 |
| Insurance..... | 68,900 | 68,900 | 68,100 | 0.0 | + 1.2 |
| Real Estate..... | 11,000 | 11,100 | 10,300 | - 0.9 | + 6.8 |
| Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E... | 14,300 | 14,400 | 13,700 | - 0.7 | + 4.4 |
| Services..... | 326,800* | 328,000 | 319,600 | - 0.4 | + 2.3 |
| Hotel..... | 8,100 | 8,600 | 7,800 | - 5.8 | + 3.8 |
| Personal Services..... | 15,900 | 15,700 | 15,200 | + 1.3 | + 4.6 |
| Business Services..... | 68,400 | 68,500 | 65,100 | - 0.1 | + 5.1 |
| Health Services..... | 109,000* | 109,100 | 107,100 | - 0.1 | + 1.8 |
| Law & Professional..... | 23,000 | 22,900 | 22,300 | + 0.4 | + 3.1 |
| Educational Services.... | 31,200* | 31,300 | 32,200 | - 0.3 | - 3.1 |
| Other Services..... | 71,200 | 71,900 | 69,900 | - 1.0 | + 1.9 |
| Government..... | 185,700 | 180,100 | 182,800 | + 3.1 | + 1.6 |
| Federal..... | 21,900 | 21,700 | 21,600 | + 0.9 | + 1.4 |
| State & Local..... | 163,800 | 158,400 | 161,200 | + 3.4 | + 1.6 |

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
**Less than 0.01 percent
(R)Revised Data.

# E A R N I N G S  A N D  H O U R S  -  O C T O B E R  1 9 8 4

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

| | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. 1984 | Sep. 1984 | Oct. 1983 | Oct. 1984 | Sep. 1984 | Oct. 1983 | Oct. 1984 | Sep. 1984 | Oct. 1983 |
| Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers) | $396.10 | $394.40 | $374.64 | 42.5 | 42.5 | 42.0 | $9.32 | $9.28 | $8.92 |
| Durable Manufacturing..... | 409.27 | 407.03 | 384.08 | 42.9 | 42.8 | 42.3 | 9.54 | 9.51 | 9.08 |
| Lumber & Furniture..... | 294.53 | 291,07 | 291.81 | 41.6 | 41.7 | 42.6 | 7.08 | 6.98 | 6.85 |
| Primary Metals..... | 430.60 | 444.60 | 429.13 | 44.3 | 45.0 | 43.7 | 9.72 | 9.88 | 9.82 |
| Fabricated Metals..... | 366.35 | 369.79 | 349.03 | 42.5 | 42.8 | 41.9 | 8.62 | 8.64 | 8.33 |
| Machinery..... | 451.23 | 445.09 | 414.29 | 44.5 | 44.2 | 43.2 | 10.14 | 10.07 | 9.59 |
| Electrical Equipment..... | 332.86 | 327.98 | 318.86 | 41.4 | 41.1 | 41.9 | 8.04 | 7.98 | 7.61 |
| Transportation Equipment... | 500.87 | 494.70 | 458.85 | 42.7 | 42.5 | 41.6 | 11.73 | 11.64 | 11.03 |
| Instruments & Clocks..... | 401.85 | 400.51 | 361.58 | 44.7 | 44.6 | 43.2 | 8.99 | 8.98 | 8.37 |
| Other Durable Mfg..... | 358.70 | 360.82 | 357.79 | 42.3 | 42.3 | 42.9 | 8.48 | 8.53 | 8.34 |
| Nondurable Manufacturing.... | 355.14 | 353.94 | 339.05 | 41.2 | 41.3 | 40.8 | 8.62 | 8.57 | 8.31 |
| Food..... | 397.76 | 386.76 | 358.20 | 45.2 | 44.1 | 41.7 | 8.80 | 8.77 | 8.59 |
| Textiles..... | 275.73 | 283.91 | 275.12 | 39.0 | 40.1 | 39.7 | 7.07 | 7.08 | 6.93 |
| Apparel..... | 217.50 | 219.96 | 210.36 | 37.5 | 37.6 | 37.1 | 5.80 | 5.85 | 5.67 |
| Paper..... | 434.68 | 443.70 | 422.27 | 44.4 | 45.0 | 45.7 | 9.79 | 9.86 | 9.24 |
| Printing & Publishing..... | 347.66 | 348.53 | 337.82 | 38.5 | 38.3 | 38.0 | 9.03 | 9.10 | 8.89 |
| Chemicals..... | 451.97 | 447.29 | 427.14 | 42.8 | 43.3 | 42.8 | 10.56 | 10.33 | 9.98 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastics.... | 315.66 | 310.80 | 308.10 | 42.2 | 42.0 | 41.3 | 7.48 | 7.40 | 7.46 |
| Other Nondurable Mfg..... | 307.26 | 288.04 | 255.88 | 38.6 | 37.9 | 37.3 | 7.96 | 7.60 | 6.86 |
| Construction..... | 619.72 | 633.15 | 611.42 | 39.7 | 40.2 | 39.6 | 15.61 | 15.75 | 15.44 |

# UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

| | October 1984 | | September 1984 | | October 1984(R) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Ratio to Labor Force | Number | Ratio to Labor Force | Number | Ratio to Labor Force |
| State Totals* Actual... | 70,000 | 4.2 | 71,900 | 4.3 | 79,200 | 4.9 |
| Seasonally Adjusted... | | (4.5) | | (4.6) | | (5.4) |
| Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted) | | | | | | |
| Ansonia..... | 1,000 | 6.2 | 1,000 | 5.9 | 1,200 | 7.2 |
| Bridgeport..... | 9,100 | 4.7 | 9,700 | 5.0 | 11,400 | 5.9 |
| Bristol..... | 1,700 | 4.8 | 1,600 | 4.5 | 2,200 | 6.5 |
| Danbury..... | 3,500 | 3.2 | 3,800 | 3.5 | 3,700 | 3.7 |
| Danielson..... | 2,000 | 6.5 | 1,900 | 6.1 | 1,700 | 5.8 |
| Hartford..... | 16,000 | 3.9 | 16,000 | 4.0 | 17,800 | 4.6 |
| Meriden..... | 1,700 | 6.0 | 1,800 | 6.3 | 1,900 | 6.8 |
| Middletown..... | 2,600 | 3.8 | 2,800 | 4.1 | 3,100 | 5.2 |
| New Britain..... | 3,500 | 4.9 | 3,500 | 4.9 | 4,100 | 5.9 |
| New Haven..... | 9,000 | 4.2 | 9,300 | 4.3 | 10,900 | 5.4 |
| New London/Norwich... | 5,200 | 4.2 | 5,500 | 4.5 | 4,600 | 4.0 |
| Norwalk..... | 3,000 | 3.6 | 3,000 | 3.7 | 2,800 | 3.5 |
| Stamford..... | 3,500 | 2.7 | 3,600 | 2.8 | 4,400 | 3.5 |
| Torrington..... | 2,300 | 5.7 | 2,300 | 5.6 | 2,700 | 6.7 |
| Waterbury..... | 5,000 | 4.6 | 5,300 | 5.0 | 5,700 | 5.5 |
| Willimantic..... | 900 | 3.2 | 800 | 3.3 | 1,000 | 3.6 |
| U.S. Total - Actual.... | 7,989,000 | 7.0 | 8,051,000 | 7.1 | 9,383,000 | 8.4 |
| Seasonally Adjusted.... | | (7.4) | | (7.4) | | (8.8) |

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

| | Oct.'84 | Sep.84 | Oct '83 |
|---|---|---|---|
| All Items..... | 315.3 | 314.5 | 302.6 |
| Percent Change From..... | xxx | + 0.3 | + 4.2 |

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

## AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

| Area | Oct.'84 | Sept.'84 | Oct.'83(R) | Percent Change to October 1984 from: Sept.'84 | Oct.'83 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANSONIA | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 8,450 | 8,490 | 8,440 | - 0.5 | + 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 2,830 | 2,860 | 2,930 | - 1.0 | - 3.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 5,620 | 5,630 | 5,510 | - 0.2 | + 2.0 |
| BRIDGEPORT | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 171,250 | 170,180 | 169,830 | + 0.6 | + 0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 59,200 | 59,200 | 58,440 | 0.0 | + 1.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 112,050 | 110,980 | 111,390 | + 1.0 | + 0.6 |
| BRISTOL | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 23,390* | 23,840 | 22,630 | - 1.9 | + 3.4 |
| Manufacturing | 9,190* | 9,700 | 8,560 | - 5.3 | + 7.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 14,200 | 14,140 | 14,070 | + 0.4 | + 0.9 |
| DANBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 76,940 | 76,490 | 74,010 | + 0.6 | + 4.0 |
| Manufacturing | 28,520 | 28,410 | 26,760 | + 0.4 | + 6.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 48,420 | 48,080 | 47,250 | + 0.7 | + 2.5 |
| DANIELSON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 21,470 | 21,530 | 21,570 | - 0.3 | - 0.5 |
| Manufacturing | 9,870 | 9,860 | 9,800 | + 0.1 | + 0.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 11,600 | 11,670 | 11,770 | - 0.6 | - 1.4 |
| HARTFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 418,160 | 414,560 | 407,730 | + 0.9 | + 2.6 |
| Manufacturing | 88,760 | 88,970 | 86,550 | - 0.2 | + 2.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 329,400 | 325,590 | 321,180 | + 1.2 | + 2.6 |
| MERIDEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 22,930 | 22,790 | 23,180 | + 0.6 | - 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 5,080 | 5,050 | 5,430 | + 0.6 | - 6.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 17,850 | 17,740 | 17,750 | + 0.6 | + 0.6 |
| MIDDLETOWN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 52,790 | 52,440 | 46,940 | + 0.7 | + 12.5 |
| Manufacturing | 14,500 | 14,380 | 14,520 | + 0.8 | + 0.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 38,290 | 38,060 | 32,430 | + 0.6 | + 18.1 |
| NEW BRITAIN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 61,180 | 60,660 | 59,420 | + 0.9 | + 3.0 |
| Manufacturing | 24,440 | 24,090 | 24,150 | + 1.5 | + 1.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 36,740 | 36,570 | 35,270 | + 0.5 | + 4.2 |
| NEW HAVEN | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 202,810* | 204,350 | 194,280 | - 0.8 | + 4.4 |
| Manufacturing | 39,730 | 39,540 | 38,410 | + 0.5 | + 3.4 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 163,080* | 164,810 | 155,870 | - 1.0 | + 4.6 |
| NEW LONDON-NORWICH | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 107,960 | 107,740 | 102,870* | + 0.2 | + 4.9 |
| Manufacturing | 36,130 | 36,360 | 34,550* | - 0.6 | + 4.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 71,830 | 71,380 | 68,320 | + 0.6 | + 5.1 |
| NORWALK | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 68,030* | 68,280(R) | 67,500 | - 0.4 | + 0.8 |
| Manufacturing | 21,970 | 21,850(R) | 22,180 | + 0.5 | - 0.9 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 46,060* | 46,430 | 45,320 | + 0.8 | + 1.6 |

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

| Area | Oct.'84 | Sept.'84 | Oct.'83(R) | Percent Change to October 1984 from: Sept.'84 | Oct.'83 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STAMFORD | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 115,410 | 115,590 | 113,730 | - 0.2 | + 1.5 |
| Manufacturing | 31,110 | 31,080 | 30,860 | + 0.1 | + 0.8 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 84,300 | 84,510 | 82,870 | - 0.2 | + 1.7 |
| TORRINGTON | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 29,200 | 28,790 | 28,890 | + 1.4 | + 1.1 |
| Manufacturing | 9,190 | 9,080 | 8,900 | + 1.2 | + 3.3 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 20,010 | 19,710 | 19,990 | + 1.5 | + 0.1 |
| WATERBURY | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 89,050 | 88,930 | 86,990 | + 0.1 | + 2.4 |
| Manufacturing | 30,140 | 30,050 | 28,930 | + 0.3 | + 4.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 58,910 | 58,880 | 58,060 | + 0.1 | + 1.5 |
| WILLIMANTIC | | | | | |
| Total Nonag. Employ. | 22,560 | 20,140 | 22,640 | + 12.0 | - 0.4 |
| Manufacturing | 2,350 | 2,420 | 2,390 | - 2.9 | - 1.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 20,210 | 17,720 | 20,250 | + 14.0 | - 0.2 |

(R) Revised
* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct. 1984 | Sept. 1984 | Oct. 1983 | Oct. 1984 | Sept. 1984 | Oct. 1983 | Oct. 1984 | Sept. 1984 | Oct. 1983 |
| Ansonia | $423.58 | $417.61 | $411.94 | 43.4 | 42.7 | 43.0 | $9.76 | $9.78 | $9.58 |
| Bridgeport | 404.01 | 398.11 | 398.56 | 41.1 | 41.0 | 42.4 | 9.83 | 9.71 | 9.40 |
| Bristol | 437.93 | 439.30 | 407.77 | 42.6 | 42.9 | 42.3 | 10.28 | 10.24 | 9.64 |
| Danbury | 380.19 | 386.31 | 363.38 | 43.5 | 44.2 | 42.7 | 8.74 | 8.74 | 8.51 |
| Danielson | 329.24 | 337.02 | 332.03 | 40.2 | 41.0 | 40.1 | 8.19 | 8.22 | 8.28 |
| Hartford | 425.43 | 423.16 | 396.15 | 42.8 | 42.7 | 41.7 | 9.94 | 9.91 | 9.50 |
| Meriden | 339.39 | 339.00 | 316.61 | 41.9 | 41.8 | 40.8 | 8.10 | 8.11 | 7.76 |
| Middletown | 414.04 | 393.76 | 388.74 | 43.4 | 41.8 | 41.8 | 9.54 | 9.42 | 9.30 |
| New Britain | 413.82 | 420.22 | 389.00 | 42.4 | 43.1 | 42.1 | 9.76 | 9.75 | 9.24 |
| New Haven | 366.46 | 375.91 | 356.25 | 40.9 | 41.4 | 40.3 | 8.96 | 9.08 | 8.84 |
| New London/ Norwich | 437.63 | 418.41 | 391.23 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 40.5 | 10.70 | 10.23 | 9.66 |
| Norwalk | 403.63 | 404.04 | 387.55 | 44.6 | 44.4 | 44.7 | 9.05 | 9.10 | 8.68 |
| Stamford | 396.88 | 395.59 | 347.67 | 44.0 | 44.2 | 40.1 | 9.02 | 8.95 | 8.67 |
| Torrington | 301.80 | 300.35 | 278.88 | 41.8 | 41.6 | 40.3 | 7.22 | 7.22 | 6.92 |
| Waterbury | 351.65 | 347.25 | 335.60 | 44.4 | 43.9 | 44.1 | 7.92 | 7.91 | 7.61 |
| Willimantic | 341.14 | 341.96 | 323.53 | 41.2 | 41.3 | 39.6 | 8.28 | 8.28 | 8.17 |

(R) Revised
Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

# CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| | Employment Nonag. (Thous.) | | Av. Weekly Initial Claims | | Rate Total Unemployment | | Personal Income Millions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Seasonally Adj. |
| 1983 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1403.7 | 1422.5 | 10813 | 7869 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 3798.4 |
| Feb.... | 1399.0 | 1420.5 | 5308 | 6472 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 3819.5 |
| Mar.... | 1412.2 | 1426.6 | 4562 | 6256 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 3825.9 |
| Apr.... | 1432.2 | 1433.8 | 5046 | 5948 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 3833.9 |
| May.... | 1444.6 | 1436.6 | 4277 | 5591 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 3848.3 |
| Jun.... | 1459.4 | 1443.1 | 5352 | 5330 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 3856.8 |
| Jul.... | 1442.6 | 1449.6 | 7784 | 5288 | 6.0 | 5.8 | 3894.1 |
| Aug.... | 1429.1 | 1447.1 | 4553 | 4678 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 3922.3 |
| Sep.... | 1459.6 | 1450.8 | 3477 | 4888 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 3969.6 |
| Oct.... | 1465.9 | 1454.1 | 3620 | 4582 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 4013.4 |
| Nov.... | 1475.8 | 1460.1 | 3815 | 4295 | 4.8 | 5.2 | 4046.5 |
| Dec.... | 1484.6 | 1464.4 | 9006 | 5570 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4071.6 |
| 1984 | | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 1446.7 | 1465.8 | 6311 | 4593 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4116.3 |
| Feb.... | 1447.4 | 1469.4 | 3535 | 4311 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 4148.9 |
| Mar.... | 1457.8 | 1472.5 | 2953 | 4051 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4158.2 |
| Apr.... | 1474.6 | 1476.1 | 3362 | 3965 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4165.2 |
| May.... | 1486.1 | 1477.2 | 3006 | 3929 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4183.7 |
| Jun.... | 1499.0 | 1482.7 | 3710 | 3695 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4205.7 |
| Jul.... | 1485.7 | 1493.2 | 5902 | 4010 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4243.9 |
| Aug.... | 1478.2 | 1496.2 | 2966 | 3048 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4266.7 |
| Sep.... | 1499.4 | 1490.5 | 2445 | 3439 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4291.7 |
| Oct.... | 1505.0 | 1493.1 | 2852 | 3610 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4344.9 |
| Nov.... | | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | | |

| | Auto Registration | | Average Work-Week Hours | | Mfg. Output (1967=100) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. | Actual | Seas. Adj. |
| 1983 | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 10587 | 11638 | 40.7 | 40.4 | 109.7 | 105.5 |
| Feb.... | 8087 | 11104 | 39.4 | 39.5 | 106.0 | 102.5 |
| Mar.... | 7901 | 6467 | 40.9 | 40.8 | 110.5 | 105.8 |
| Apr.... | 8714 | 9725 | 41.1 | 41.3 | 111.5 | 108.1 |
| May.... | 9939 | 9961 | 41.1 | 41.2 | 111.6 | 108.7 |
| Jun.... | 12691 | 11462 | 41.2 | 41.3 | 111.6 | 107.9 |
| Jul.... | 7120 | 8501 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 95.5 | 107.8 |
| Aug.... | 11897 | 10120 | 41.5 | 41.8 | 98.4 | 111.9 |
| Sep.... | 12105 | 12872 | 41.8 | 42.0 | 116.0 | 114.4 |
| Oct.... | 10202 | 10037 | 42.0 | 42.1 | 117.4 | 115.1 |
| Nov.... | 13470 | 11068 | 42.3 | 42.0 | 120.7 | 116.4 |
| Dec.... | 9394 | 9374 | 42.5 | 41.9 | 110.5 | 116.6 |
| 1984 | | | | | | |
| Jan.... | 8799 | 9659 | 42.2 | 41.9 | 121.5 | 116.9 |
| Feb.... | 12198 | 16596 | 42.5 | 42.6 | 123.7 | 119.9 |
| Mar.... | 11295 | 9654 | 42.4 | 42.3 | 124.4 | 119.6 |
| Apr.... | 10362 | 11226 | 42.9 | 43.1 | 126.6 | 122.7 |
| May.... | 14081 | 14039 | 42.4 | 42.5 | 126.0 | 122.0 |
| Jun.... | 15288 | 14275 | 42.4 | 42.5 | 126.9 | 123.0 |
| Jul.... | 12301 | 13698 | 42.3 | 42.6 | 109.0 | 124.3 |
| Aug.... | 17301 | 15420 | 41.8 | 42.1 | 107.5 | 121.6 |
| Sep.... | 14021 | 14560 | 42.5 | 42.7 | 127.3 | 124.3 |
| Oct.... | 13259 | 13025 | 42.5 | 42.6 | 127.6 | 124.5 |
| Nov.... | | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | | | |

## CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

| | Average Weekly Insured Unemployed | Unemployment Benefits Paid (000) | Employer Contributions Collected (000) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1970 | 43,905 | $ 130,251 | $ 65,641 |
| 1971 | 69,403 | 229,238 | 63,191 |
| 1972 | 51,737 | 161,851 | 92,681 |
| 1973 | 36,314 | 117,610 | 114,163 |
| 1974 | 49,255 | 163,258 | 124,859 |
| 1975 | 83,971 | 298,345 | 140,940 |
| 1976 | 67,864 | 238,013 | 164,922 |
| 1977 | 53,699 | 193,150 | 177,719 |
| 1978 | 37,220 | 138,351 | 189,892 |
| 1979 | 30,876 | 114,926 | 181,376 |
| 1980 | 37,463 | 163,644 | 174,402 |
| 1981 | 36,507 | 173,725 | 167,840 |
| 1982 | 47,952 | 262,962 | 183,732 |
| 1983 | 40,251 | 232,255 | 201,578 |
| Jan'83 | 65,979 | $ 30,736 | $ 5,863 |
| Feb | 57,275 | 25,707 | 11,859 |
| Mar | 53,644 | 30,066 | 575 |
| Apr | 47,737 | 20,864 | 24,085 |
| May | 40,189 | 19,735 | 75,980 |
| Jun | 36,313 | 19,074 | 725 |
| Jul | 38,690 | 16,321 | 13,696 |
| Aug | 35,187 | 16,640 | 38,773 |
| Sep | 30,131 | 14,806 | 746 |
| Oct | 26,602 | 12,289 | 8,670 |
| Nov | 26,010 | 13,048 | 19,982 |
| Dec | 27,102 | 12,970 | 624 |
| Jan'84 | 38,570 | 18,793 | 7,372 |
| Feb | 35,104 | 18,279 | 13,302 |
| Mar | 32,625 | 17,345 | 636 |
| Apr | 27,760 | 14,132 | 25,197 |
| May | 23,249 | 12,743 | 98,801 |
| Jun | 21,725 | 10,175 | 1,217 |
| Jul | 24,122 | 11,761 | 20,710 |
| Aug | 23,792 | 11,118 | 37,928 |
| Sep | 18,999 | 8,854 | 1,278 |
| Oct | 17,547 | 9,500e | 11,463p |
| Nov | | | |
| Dec | | | |

*Interest bearing
p-preliminary e-estimated r-revised
NOTE: Dollar amounts are in thousands

**Federal Loans (000)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1972 | $ 31,800 |
| 1973 | 21,700 |
| 1974 | 8,500 |
| 1975 | 203,000 |
| 1976 | 137,000 |
| 1977 | 75,000 |
| 1978 | 37,000 |
| 1983 | 63,806* |

**Direct Loan Repayments (000)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1976 | $ 26,000 |
| 1977 | 27,300 |
| 1978 | 37,300 |
| 1979 | 39,600 |
| 1984 | 30,876 |

**Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1975 | $ 12,906 |
| 1981 | 46,537 |
| 1982 | 49,496 |
| 1983 | 53,975 |
| 1984 | 56,715 (thru 9/30) |

**Total Outstanding Loans - (9/30/84)**

Non-interest bearing:
$ 164,052,444

Interest bearing:
$ 32,930,407

**Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (10/31/84)**

$ 110 million

# CONNECTICUT MANUFACTURING DIRECTORY
# 1984 EDITION

**CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT**
Employment Security Division
200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, CT 06109
ATTN: Business Management

The 1984 edition of the *Connecticut Manufacturing Directory* is now available. The Directory is designed to provide users with an up-to-date listing of firms currently engaged in manufacturing activities within the State. For the convenience of users, three separate listings are featured: an alphabetical listing by company name; a numerical listing by major industry type (4-digit Standard Industrial Classification ([SIC Code]); and an alphabetical listing by town of location. In all three sections, the company name, address, principal products and SIC Code are shown. Each entry is prefixed by an alphabetic code indicating the approximate number of persons employed in the facility.

The Directory is available for $20.00 ($18.60 + 1.40 sales tax) plus $2.00 postage and handling. Quarterly Updates to the Directory are available on a 1 year subscription basis for an additional $5.00 ($4.65 + .35 sales tax) plus $2.00 postage and handling. Please complete the lower portion of this form (*print* or *type*) and return with your remittance. Upon receipt of your check or money order *payable to Connecticut Labor Department, ESD*, a copy of the Directory and/or Quarterly Updates will be mailed to you. To save postage and handling charges, purchase copies directly from the reception desk in the lobby of the Connecticut Labor Department.

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| | Number of Units | Unit Price | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| Connecticut Manufacturing Directory | | $18.60 | $ |
| Quarterly Update—1 Year Subscription | | 4.65 | |
| Subtotal before Sales Tax | | | $ |
| Connecticut Sales Tax @ 7.5%*: | | | |
| Directory | | 1.40 | |
| Update | | .35 | |
| Subtotal after Sales Tax | | | $ |
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| Directory | | 2.00 | |
| Update | | 2.00 | |
| Total Remittance | | | $ |

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS
COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

| INDUSTRY | 1st Qtr. 1984(P) | 4th Qtr. 1983 | 3rd Qtr. 1983 | 2nd Qtr. 1983 | 1st Qtr. 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total..... | $384.64 | $373.85 | $356.38 | $351.99 | $362.09 |
| Total Manufacturing..... | 491.75 | 467.70 | 446.72 | 443.68 | 458.26 |
| Total Nonmanufacturing..... | 342.24 | 338.11 | 321.71 | 316.16 | 323.16 |
| Construction..... | 475.74 | 487.90 | 459.22 | 451.13 | 461.93 |
| Transportation..... | 388.81 | 380.29 | 382.56 | 347.59 | 367.25 |
| Communication & Utilities..... | 571.53 | 573.68 | 611.61 | 511.25 | 523.88 |
| Trade..... | 272.17 | 267.23 | 258.36 | 225.28 | 257.73 |
| Wholesale..... | 516.63 | 494.59 | 468.65 | 458.13 | 483.96 |
| Retail..... | 225.89 | 225.69 | 222.09 | 216.17 | 213.43 |
| Restaurants..... | 128.90 | 130.02 | 128.88 | 125.41 | 121.88 |
| Finance & Real Estate..... | 435.29 | 403.74 | 381.22 | 371.21 | 397.76 |
| Insurance..... | 470.27 | 449.72 | 445.96 | 413.55 | 449.02 |
| Service..... | 311.98 | 311.61 | 294.21 | 287.06 | 290.19 |
| Hotels..... | 176.28 | 182.00 | 169.56 | 168.36 | 168.55 |
| Laundries & Personal Services... | 177.29 | 196.38 | 186.87 | 183.52 | 172.65 |
| Business Services..... | 347.27 | 336.77 | 317.89 | 307.98 | 319.48 |
| Auto Repair, Service & Garages.. | 280.40 | 285.42 | 274.57 | 262.72 | 265.18 |
| Health Services..... | 330.89 | 316.59 | 325.97 | 317.20 | 313.08 |
| Educational Services..... | 330.29 | 337.70 | 289.16 | 276.21 | 288.68 |
| Government..... | 358.39 | 366.04 | 322.38 | 348.13 | 343.75 |

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# CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION
WETHERSFIELD 06109

P. JOSEPH PERARO
COMMISSIONER

December 1984

New record highs for employment, wages and personal income were recorded in Connecticut's economy during November when seasonal factors contributed to an unemployment increase. State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro also reported improvement in manufacturing output and higher registrations for new automobiles.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Record-breaking employment of 1,515,500 was recorded last month, up 10,500 from October. There were 39,700 more people working than during November 1983 (page 2). Manufacturing added 1,500 jobs over the month and 9,800 since last year and seasonal hiring accounted for a 3,500 monthly gain in retail. Thirteen labor markets had increased employment and there were slight declines in the Ansonia, Danielson and Torrington areas (pages 5 & 6).

Earnings of factory production workers increased to an all-time high, averaging $400.61 weekly, up from $396.10 in October and $378.59 a year ago, at a record $9.36 an hour for a slightly longer workweek of 42.8 hours (page 3). This compared with a $9.32 hourly rate in October for 42.5 hours and $8.95 in 1983 when the workweek was 42.3 hours. Straight-time earnings for a 40-hour week in November were $8.89 hourly and $355.60 weekly, up slightly from October, and 4.1 percent above last year's hourly and weekly rates of $8.54 and $341.60. The highest weekly wages were paid to workers in the New London/Norwich area, $442.89, followed by Bristol, $437.42; Hartford, $434.30; Ansonia, $423.04; Middletown, $419.60 and Bridgeport, $417.06 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment was estimated at 74,100 or 4.4 percent, up from October's 70,000 at 4.2 and 4.8 percent a year ago (page 4). The seasonally adjusted monthly 4.6 figure, one-tenth of a percent higher, was under last year's 5.2 and substantially below the comparable 7.2 percent national November rate. Approximately 20,200 claims were being filed for unemployment benefits, an increase from 19,200 in October and 5,582 fewer than in 1983. Included in the overall unemployment estimate are persons receiving unemployment compensation, others who are ineligible or whose benefits expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the Connecticut economy, personal income of state residents reached an all-time high of nearly $4-billion, 382-million and manufacturing output and registrations for new cars both increased from the previous month and last year (page 7).

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